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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, RQ, NS
SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: A) PORT OF SPAIN 02478; B) COCHRAN/O'MAHONY TELECON
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1. I NOW UNDERSTAND VOTE MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL SOME-
TIME BETWEEN TODAY AND AUGUST 31 (THURSDAY). WILL CON-
TINUE EFFORTS HERE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE ADVISED
IMMEDIATELY WHEN VOTE TAKES PLACE SO WE ARE NOT CAMPAIGNING
AFTER THE FACT.

2. DEPARTMENT AND USUN MIGHT CONSIDER (IF THIS IS NOT AL-
READY BEING DONE) LEANING HARD ON AMBASSADOR ABDULAH TO
INDUCE HIM TO CONTACT DONALDSON RE POSSIBILITY THAT A
CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS IS IN THE WORKS. HE MUST BE PRE-
PARED TO CONFIRM WHAT I HAVE BEEN SAYING HERE ABOUT THE
EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH IMPORTANCE THE USG PLACES ON THIS
MATTER. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, IT IS NOT EASY FOR
DONALDSON TO SCREW UP ENOUGH COURAGE TO WEIGH IN AGAIN WITH
THE PRIME MINISTER AND WITH SUFFICIENT FORCE TO ACHIEVE A
CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS ON AN ISSUE THAT HE VIEWS AS ASKING
THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHANGE LONG-STANDING, FIRMLY-IN-PLACE,
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PM-ESTABLISHED BASIC POLICY. WILLIAMS, NOT ONLY TAKES
ENORMOUS PRIDE IN HIS UNBLEMISHED REPUTATION AS AN
OPPONENT OF COLONIALISM REGARDLESS OF THE FORM (AND IR-
RESPECTIVE OF HOW PHONY THE ALLEGATIONS ARE), BUT, DESPITE
A CERTAIN APPARENT AMBIVALENCE IN HIS VIEWS, IS GENERALLY
BELIEVED TO CONSIDER PUERTO RICO AS SEMI-COLONIAL. WE NEED
TO GET TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THEREFORE, FROM EVERY

POSSIBLE ANGLE. O'MAHONY

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